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## THE QUAKER JANNEYS OF CHESHIRE AND THEIR PROGENITORS.

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[In 1878 the late Samuel M. Janney, of Loudoun county, Virginia, published a Chart or Family Tree of the descendants of two of the sons of Thomas Janney, who with his wife Margery and their four sons, in 1683, removed from Cheshire, England, and settled in Bucks county, Pennsylvania. Several years ago I began to collect data that would fill out and bring to a later date this genealogy. In doing which I ascertained that other members of the Janney family, of Cheshire, also came to America in colonial days and settled in Pennsylvania and Maryland; that all the surviving children of the youngest of Thomas and Margery Janney's sons settled in Virginia after their father's death; and that several of the children of two of the other sons also moved to Virginia, though all of these last mentioned children did not permanently settle there.

As a result of this investigation genealogical articles concerning several of the families with which the early American Janneys intermarried, have been published;<sup>1</sup> and in the following article is presented an account of some of the English ancestors of the various early Janney colonists; and also some facts about these colonists themselves, the descendants of whom are now very numerous, and many are at present living in Maryland and Virginia, and various Southern States.—MILES WHITE, JR.]

Whence the Cheshire Janneys originally came, or when and in what part of the county they first settled, I believe to be unknown at present. The first mention of any of the name in this county, which I have seen, was during the XIVth Century; and in the XVIth Century they were widely scattered throughout the Palatinate. When the family ceased to reside in Cheshire I know not, but it appears that at the present day there are no persons living there who

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<sup>1</sup> "William Haige," *Penna. Mag. Hist. and Biog.*, Vol. XXIV; "Some Colonial Ancestors of Johns Hopkins," *PUBLICATIONS, So. Hist. Assoc.*, Vol. IV; "Henry Baker and Some of His Descendants," *Ibid.*, Vol. V; "William Biles," *Penna. Mag. Hist. and Biog.*, Vol. XXVI; "Thomas Janney, Provincial Councillor," *Ibid.*, Vol. XXVII.

spell their names Janney, though some claim that the Jennings of the present time are descendants of the ancient family of Janney: and in New England, in 1623, in a division of lands, in Plymouth, the name Jenny reads Jenings, apparently supporting this claim.<sup>1a</sup>

The name of Janney or Jenney has been spelled in many ways at different times and places, Thomas Jenye, the rebel and poet, who flourished 1565-1583, and seems to have been a native of York, and whose name also appears as<sup>2</sup> Jeny, Jenny, Jennings, Genys and Genynges being a good example; and in Lancashire and Cheshire the following names have been found, most, if not all of which, are forms of the same family name, viz., Janion, Janney, Janny, Jannye, Jannyon, Jannyne, Jannys, Jenion, Jenney, Jenny, Jennys, Jenyngs, Jenyus, Jenys, Guynes, Gynes, Gynney, Gynny, Yannes and Yannis.

Lower's *Patronymica Britannica* states that "The family of Jenney of Bredfield, co. Suffolk, are supposed to be of French extraction, and the name to be derived from Guisnes near Calais. \* \* \* The name of this family was originally spelt Gyney."

It appears from Shirley's *Noble and Gentle Men of England*, Burke's *Landed Gentry*, and Blomefield's *History of Norfolk*, that the Jenneys of Bredfield, co. Suffolk; Drayton Beauchamp, co. Bucks; Great Cressingham, co. Norfolk; and Knodeshall, co. Suffolk, are all branches of the same family, and that they as well as all the other Jenneys of Norfolk are "supposed to be" or "considered to be" a branch of the House of De Gisneto, De Gisne or Gyney of Heverland, Norfolk, though a complete line of descent therefrom, is not, in all cases, given, and none apparently show a continuous line back to the time of the Conquest, when the first of the

<sup>1a</sup> Savage's *Genealog. Diet.* See Chetham Soc. *Publications*, Vol. LIX, p. 34.

<sup>2</sup> *Dict. of Nat. Biog.*, Vol. XXIX, p. 331.

family is supposed to have come to England. Doubtless all the Janneys and Jenneys are descended from the progenitor of this Norfolk family of Gyney, and it is probably from a younger son of one of the early Lords of Heverland, though from which particular one is uncertain, that the Cheshire Janneys were descended. A writer in New York *Vogue* states, upon what authority I know not, that Thomas Janney, formerly of Cheshire and subsequently a Provincial Councillor of Pennsylvania,<sup>3</sup> was "apparently of the Frisby Hall Derby, house 1563."

It has been credibly stated that<sup>4</sup> "the year 1558 is a date beyond which few church registers go, and but few commence at this early date, though Thomas Cromwell with Henry VIII's authority, in 1538, enjoined that every parson, vicar, or curate for every church keep one book or register for recording the date of every wedding, christening, and burial made in his parish." It is therefore generally very difficult, if not impossible, to trace, with accuracy, most pedigrees to an earlier date than the middle of the Sixteenth Century. And, therefore, although as early as 1385, a John Janny held a messuage, on The High Street, in Nantwich; and in 1408, one of the same name was a witness in an Inquisition post-mortem at Macelesfield; and in 1469, a William Jenny was an office-bearer in the Ancient Parish of

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<sup>3</sup> In various publications mention is to be found of Thomas Janney's Arms, which are said to have been, Ermine, a bend cotised gules. *Crest*. On a wreath of its colours a hand in armour argent, thereon a hawk or falcon close proper, belled of the last. *Motto*. Ducit amor patriae. (*The Continent*, Phila., Apr. 25, 1883; *The Jolliffe, Neill, and Janney Families of Va.*; *The Thomas Book*; *Quaint Corners in Philadelphia*.) These Arms are the same as those of some of the Jenneys of Suffolk and of Bucks (those of the Jenneys of Bredfield are Ermine a bend gules, cotised or), and if Thomas Janney had a right to use them, he never availed himself of his right, so far as I have seen any evidence of. I do not know at how early a date his descendants in America were using them but have found that Phineas Janney, of Alexandria, was so doing in 1810.

<sup>4</sup> *Cheshire Notes and Queries*, Vol. I, p. 49.

Prestbury; and in 1492, a Robert Janney gave testimony in a case in Wilmslow Parish,<sup>5</sup> I shall make no attempt to trace a line of descent from them to the persons concerning whom this article speaks.

The Registers of the following Parishes, in which the Cheshire Janneys resided appear to have commenced in the years here stated,<sup>6</sup> viz., Wilmslow, 1558; Prestbury, 1560; Northenden, 1564; Mobberley, 1578; Stockport, 1584; Cheadle, 1559; Bowden, 1628. Of these those of Prestbury and Stockport have been published. In the former are various entries of the Hough, Burgess, Curbishley, Thorncroft and Worthington families into which the Janneys intermarried, and in the latter those of the Baguley, Bancroft, Burgess, Gee, Heald, Hough, Hunt, Sydebotham, Vawdrey and Worthington families. Unfortunately the Registers of Bowden, in which Parish the Wilmslow Janneys owned property, and from which they may have removed, do not begin until 1628.

The first Janney entry in both the Prestbury and Wilmslow Registers is the marriage in 1561 of Peter Smyth and Elizabeth Janney, the one on June 10th, and the other January 24th. These are probably merely coincidences of names, and presumably do not record two marriages of the same persons. The fact however that many of the Christian names of the Janneys given in both Registers are the same, and that both Registers contain records of the Woodforde Janneys, leads to the presumption that the Prestbury and Wilmslow Janneys were of the same family, and probably closely related. The Prestbury Register shows that Randle Janney of Woodforde married Alice Wilkeson Nov. 26,

<sup>5</sup>Lancashire and Cheshire Record Society *Publications*, Vol. XXXI, p. 44; Earwaker's *East Cheshire*, Vol. II, p. 157; The Chetham Soc. *Publications*, Vol. XCVII, p. 216; *East Cheshire*, Vol. I, p. 157.

<sup>6</sup>See *East Cheshire*, Vol. I, pp. 97, 231; *Cheshire Notes and Queries*, Vol. III, pp. 234, 236, Vol. IV, p. 2.

1566, and was buried Oct. 7, 1593. The Wilmslow Register shows the burial Jan. 13, 1595, of Randle Janney of Styall, the name of whose wife is not given, but at least three of whose children are mentioned. As will hereafter appear Thomas Janney, of Styall, who was buried March 5, 1602, was the progenitor of the Quaker Janneys who removed to America, and his father was named Randle, and was living about 1593. Which if either of the above mentioned Randles was the father of Thomas is uncertain: if the Woodeforde one was, then Alice Wilkeson was not his first wife.

I. The earliest Janney Will, now preserved at Chester,<sup>7</sup> is that of Thomas Janney, of Styall, 1602; and many of those prior to 1700<sup>8</sup> are those of members of his family. Mr. George Middleton, of Probate Registry, Chester, wrote me "we have no Will of Randle Janney 1593 or 1595 recorded here; we have the Inventories of both Christopher Janney, 1613, and Randle Janney, 1613, but the Will of neither," and sent me the following copy of the Will and Inventory of Thomas Janney, 1602.

"IN THE NAME OF GOD AMEN the three and twentithe daie of September in the yeare of our Lord God a thousand sixe hundredth and one And in the three and fortithe yeare of the Reigne of our Sovraigne lady Eli abethe by the Grace of God the Quenes Matv that nowe ys.

I THOMAS JANNY of Styall in the County of Chester Husbandman beinge sicke in body and yet of fflyt mynd and sound memory (God be thanked for yt) do make and ordeyne this my Testament conteyninge therein my last Will in maner and forme followinge First I bequethe my Soull into the hands of Almightye God trustinge by the Meryts of Jesus Christe to be one of those electe that shall inheryte the Kingdome of Heaven. And my body I comend to Christian Buryell And as concerninge such goods lands and other things w<sup>ch</sup> God hath blessed me w<sup>th</sup> all my Will is that they be gevin and bestowed in maner and forms as in this my testament and last Will is expressed Firste I do give and bequeathe to

<sup>7</sup>The will of Edward Janny, of Manchester, merchant, dated July 22, 1553, a copy of which is in Bishop's Registry, at Chester, has been published in Chetham Soc. *Publicaitons*, Vol. XXXIII, p. 157.

<sup>8</sup>For list of these see Lancashire and Cheshire Record Society *Publications*, Vols. II, IV, XV, XVIII.



Rondull Janny my eldest Sonne all my freehold lands and inherytance whatsoever together w<sup>th</sup> all my rentes and remanders w<sup>ch</sup> I have w<sup>thin</sup> the Parishe of Bowdon in the said County of Chester. And all that my closz or p<sup>ce</sup>ll of land w<sup>th</sup> the appurtenes in Hale in the said Parishe of Bowdon and comonly called and Knownen by the name of Rounde Hey to have and to hold the same to him the said Rondull Janny and to his heyres males of his body lawfully to be begotten for ever And all that yerely rente lands & heredytamt<sup>s</sup> in Ryaecrofte in said Parishe of Bowdon To have and to hold the same to him the said Rondull Janny and to the heyres males of his body lawfully to be begotten forever.

Itm my Will is that there shalbe taken upp upon my whole goods the just some of three score pounds w<sup>ch</sup> was given by my father Rondull Janny decosed to three of my children that is to say to Mawld Janny XX<sup>li</sup> To Margaret Janny XX<sup>li</sup> and to Anne Janny XX<sup>li</sup>. And the same somes to be given to them And afterwards to be putt fourth to & for there best comoditie and p<sup>ro</sup>yt at the sight & discretion of my Executors accordinge to my fathers said Will and Testament. Itm my Will ys that after my funerall expenses & my debts paid that all the rest of my goods debts & cattells shalbe equally devyded into three equall pts. whereof one pte. I give and bequeth to my Wief Katherin Janny the other two partes I give and bequethe emongs all my children (except such speciall legacies as hereafter are expressed that is to saie I give and bequeth to my Doughter Mawld Janny the gretest brasse panne and one coffer w<sup>ch</sup> was her mothers. Itm I give to my Sonne Harry Janny one payre of Iren bound wheelles and a cart chest and a wagens cheste Itm. I give to my Sonne Rondull Janny the other payre of Iren bound wheelles beinge the better payre. Itm. I give towards the makinge of Twinics bridge III<sup>s</sup> IIII<sup>d</sup> if they make any bridge there eles not Itm. my Will is that if Harry my Sonne shalbe sued or mollested for the occupaon of Collshawe House That they my Wief and my said Sonne Rondull shall give him helpe & mayntennance w<sup>th</sup> money & other helpe so farr as there power will extend to the uttermost And to be paid againe by my Sonne Harry of his profits of the ground of Collshawe for there discharge in that behalfe w<sup>ch</sup> my Will ys shall be done trulie. Itm. my Will ys that the great Arke in the barne be & remaine there to the use of my said Sonne Rondull And for my husbandry gear & stufte so my Will ys that it shalbe used and occupied betwixt my Wief & my said Sonne Rondull, at the house only And to be repayed by them as it decays and in the end to remayne to my said Sonne Rondull unto whom I give the same And if my Wief do not occupie y<sup>t</sup> then she not be charged w<sup>th</sup> the reparacon thereof And I do ordeyne & make my Executors of this my last Will & Testamente my said Sonne Rondull Janny & Hugh Burges of Hawskesherth And I make Overseer hereof my Friend Humfrey Eccles trustinge they will see the same p<sup>ro</sup>formed & executed as my trust is in them.

These beinge wytnesses  
REYNOLD KILLSALL

JAMES KILLSALL  
HUMFREY ECCLES

[No signature or seal.]

Debts oweinge Hugh Burges of Todelowe XV<sup>s</sup>  
Hugh Worrall. XXXIII<sup>s</sup> IIII<sup>d</sup>

The Wief of Willm Cash V<sup>s</sup> and three heepes of Ots and half heepe of barley.



A true and pft Inventorie of all the goods and cattells debts and moveables wch were THOMAS JANNYES of Styall in the Parishe of Willmeslome in the Countie of Chester At the tyme of his death pryed and valued the IX<sup>th</sup> daye of March Anno Dni 1601 Annogr. Regnie Due nros Elizabethhe Regnie Anglie Francie et Hibrne &c. nme &c. Quadriagessimio quarto By Will<sup>m</sup> Allcock Rondull Jan-yen Robte Allcock Rychard Rylands and Will<sup>m</sup> Newton for that purpose elected & chosen &c.

Imp<sup>m</sup>is in cattell viz two stieres and mene kyne pryed at xxiiiij<sup>li</sup>  
 Itm. seven littell calves and one colte in all iijij<sup>li</sup> xvi<sup>s</sup>  
 Itm. two mares vi<sup>li</sup> xiiij<sup>s</sup> iijij<sup>d</sup> Itm. seventene sheepe iijij<sup>li</sup>  
 Itm. two swyne xvi<sup>s</sup> Itm. barly in the barne xiiij<sup>li</sup> vi<sup>s</sup> viijij<sup>d</sup>  
 Itm. Wheate in the barne liij<sup>s</sup> iijij<sup>d</sup> Itm. Otes in the barne xiiij<sup>li</sup>  
 Itm. Barly in the garner xxiiiij<sup>s</sup> Itm. Otes in the garner liij<sup>s</sup> iijij<sup>d</sup>  
 Itm. in haye iijij<sup>li</sup> Itm. beanes in the barne xx<sup>s</sup>  
 Itm. in husbandry ware given & bequethed to his Sonne Rondull and Harry & to his Wief to bee used and occupied by them according to the wordes of the Will and Testament of the Testator iijij<sup>li</sup> vi<sup>s</sup> viijij<sup>d</sup>

Itm. in beddinge viij<sup>li</sup> Itm. in sheets & other lynnins vi<sup>li</sup> viij<sup>s</sup>  
 Itm. in coffers bords stooles cheares bedstocks &c xlvij<sup>s</sup> viijij<sup>d</sup>  
 Itm. one great Arke in the barne wch is geven to Rondull by Will xiiij<sup>s</sup> iijij<sup>d</sup>

Itm. in pan brasse xlvij<sup>s</sup> viijij<sup>d</sup> Itm. in pott brasse xx<sup>s</sup>  
 Itm. in pewter xvi<sup>s</sup> Itm. in Treeneware xxvi<sup>s</sup> viijij<sup>d</sup>  
 Itm. in Irenware as tongs Irengate broches &c xvi<sup>s</sup>  
 Itm. Axes bills spades shovells &c vi<sup>s</sup> viijij<sup>d</sup> Itm. in apparell for his body iijij<sup>li</sup> vi<sup>s</sup> viijij<sup>d</sup>

Itm. A sword and a dropper viij<sup>s</sup> Itm. in woodl xii<sup>s</sup>  
 Itm. in hemp and flax xx<sup>s</sup> Itm. in beefe and bacon xli<sup>s</sup> viijij<sup>d</sup>  
 Itm. in sawed bords and wheel tymber iij<sup>s</sup> iijij<sup>d</sup> Itm. in debts as appeereth in bylls iijij<sup>li</sup> xii<sup>s</sup> iijij<sup>d</sup>

Itm. Otes at Colshawe xlvij<sup>li</sup>. Item. hey there x<sup>s</sup>  
 Itm. in cattell there in all xi xvi<sup>li</sup>. Itm. one colt theare xx<sup>s</sup>  
 Itm. in coyne xvij<sup>li</sup> viij<sup>s</sup> viij<sup>d</sup> Itm. in gold xx<sup>s</sup>  
 Itm. one littell silver spoone iij<sup>s</sup> Itm. in pullen as hennes &c vi<sup>s</sup> viijij<sup>d</sup>

Itm. two calve hydes xx<sup>s</sup> Itm. in hempseivs vi<sup>s</sup> viijij<sup>d</sup>  
 Itm. one cowe and the hyre of her xli<sup>s</sup>  
 Sum tot cccxij<sup>li</sup> xvijij<sup>s</sup> iij<sup>d</sup>

Proved in the Bishops Consistory Court of Chester the 15th April 1602.

From the above it appears that the father of Thomas Janney was named Randle and left a Will, which is not preserved at Chester, and the Registrars at Somerset House, London, and Minster Yard, York, state that it is not preserved in either of these places. As he is stated to have left legacies to his granddaughters Margaret and Anne, who were christened in 1593, and 1595, he must have been living

in the former year, and probably in the latter.. Judging from the dates of birth of Thomas Janney's children, his father Randle must have been born prior to 1530, but the date and place of his birth, and the names of his parents, wives, and children, except Thomas, are unknown to me. The lands mentioned in the Will of Thomas Janney were nearly all situated in Bowden Parish, and it is possible that the family lived in that Parish before they lived in Wilmslow Parish, though there were Janneys in the latter as early as 1492. Rev. Arthur Gore, Rector of Bowden, wrote me that the Registers of his Parish do not go back further than 1627, and that "Round hey & Ryecrofte are still known here as names of Farms."

Collshawe House, mentioned in the Will and Inventory of Thomas Janney, is referred to by both Ormerod and Earwaker,<sup>o</sup> who speak of it as being in Bolin Fee, Wilmslow Parish; the former of whom says

"The present messuage is a farm-house," and the latter states that "One or two places in this neighborhood deserve to be noticed. Of these the most important is COLSHAW now an old-fashioned farm-house, but originally the name of a small estate here, which, as was usually the case gave its name to the family who then held it under the local lords. By an early charter, not dated, and so before the year 1300, 'Edmund Fitton, then Lord of Bolyn, grants to *Adam de Colsache*, his heirs and assigns, the whole of the land of *Colsache*, with its appurtenances', etc. \* \* \* When the Pownall Hall estates were divided between the two co-heiresses of Thomas Fitton of Pownall, in 1508, these lands were reserved, and it is expressly stated that the messuage called 'Colshaw' is to be held for 20 years 'for the use of a chaplain to pray for the souls of Thomas Fyton, his wife, his daughters, and his ancestors;' and after that time to revert to the other Pownall estates; and it accordingly passed to the Newtons. They held it for several generations, and it appears to have passed, with the greater part of the Pownall estates, to the Booths, and subsequently to the Earls of Stamford and Warrington."

The Newtons or Booths would therefore appear to have been owners of the fee when Thomas Janney occupied the property.

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<sup>o</sup> *History of Chester*, Vol. III, p. 592; *East Cheshire*, Vol. I, pp. 71, 148.

How many wives and children Thomas Janney had is not definitely known. In his Will only five children are mentioned by name, one clause simply leaving the residue "amongst all my children." His two marriages Dec. 7, 1578,<sup>10</sup> to Jane Worthington, who was *bur.* Aug. 10, 1589, and by whom he had four children; and Nov. 4, 1590, to Katherine Cash, of Styall, who survived him, and by whom he had six children, are fully established; but whether he was married prior to 1578, is not certain. An entry in Wilmslow Parish Register reads "1570 Nov. 7, was cristen Aylce Janney daughter of Thos. Janney," and if she was the dau. of this Thomas, he was married three times, his first wife being Ellen —, who was *bur.* Feby 7, 1578. As all the other entries concerning Thomas Janney, in these Registers, about this time, appear to refer to him, this entry very possibly does also, but as it is not certain that it does, Alyce will not be stated to have been one of his children, who were as follows

Children<sup>11</sup> (by 2 wives, Jane Nos 1-4; Katherine Nos. 5-10):

II. 1. Randle, *bapt.* Feby 23, 1579-80, *bur.* Oct. 30, 1613, *m.* July 14, 1602 Ellen Abrodd. He is mentioned in his father's will.

2. Margery, *bapt.* March 31, 1582. She probably is the "Margaret Janye of Styall" who was *bur.* Mch 23, 1591.

3. Henerie, *bapt.* March 7, 1584; mentioned in his father's will.

4. Maude, *bapt.* April 25, 1587, *m.* May 1, 1605 William Sidebotham. She is mentioned in her father's will.

5. Thomas, *bapt.* Jan 15, 1591, *bur.* Feby 6, 1591.

6. Margaret, *bapt.* July 4, 1593, mentioned in her father's will. It is uncertain whether Thomas Hunte married July

<sup>10</sup> All dates in this article are Old Style.

<sup>11</sup> All dates of baptisms, marriages and burials of these children are taken from the Registers of Wilmslow Parish.

16, 1610, this Margaret, or Margaret, dau. of William of Handforth, who was *bapt.* Apr. 17, 1591.

7. Anne, *bapt.* Apr. 27, 1595, mentioned in her father's will.

8. Thomas, *bapt.* June 29, 1597.

9. Margerie, *bapt.* Sept. 24, 1599. Margaret and Margerie are each described in baptismal records as "daughter of Thomas Janney of Styall," and as Maude, Margaret and Anne are mentioned in their father's Will of 1601 as recipients of a legacy from his deceased father, it would appear that Margaret and Margerie were not synonyms, and that sisters bore these two names.

10. William, *bapt.* Dec. 7, 1601, *bur.* Mch 7, 1602.

Nothing is known regarding Thomas Janney, except what is learned from his will and inventory, and from the Parish Registers. He was a husbandman owning several tracts of land, and from the amount of his inventory, (the value of a pound being several times as great then as now,) was evidently in very comfortable circumstances, and was a public spirited and charitable man. His daughter, Maude, married William Sidebotham, May 1, 1605, and it was probably her son who was mentioned in the will of her nephew Richard Janney, dated Sept. 1, 1672, where he is described as testator's "cousin Robert Sidebotham<sup>12</sup> of Bredbury." Henry Janney appears to have occupied Collshawe House about 1601, and may have had a lawsuit concerning it.

II. Randle Janney, the eldest son of Thomas, married Ellen Alrodd, July 14, 1602, lived at Styall, and was *bur.* Oct. 30, 1613, having had four children, viz,

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III. I. Thomas, *bapt.* June 27, 1605, *d.* 12 mo. 17, 1677,

<sup>12</sup> Among the Cheshire disclaimers of gentility, 3 Sept., 1663, were Richard Heath of Chester, John Yardley of Wornsall, Robert Sydebotham of Cheadle.

<sup>13</sup> Dates of baptisms, marriages and burials are taken from Registers of Wilmslow Parish. Dates of deaths of Thomas and Elizabeth from Friends Records.

*m.* Sept 3, 1625, Elizabeth Worthington, who *d.* 12 mo. 19, 1681/2.

IV. 2. Randle, *bapt.* May 26, 1608, *m.* July 16, 1636, Anne Knevet.

3. Heline, *bapt.* Mch 24, 1610, *d. i.*, bur Mch. 3, 1611.

4. Richarde, *bapt.* Feby 20, 1613, *d.* abt. 1691, *m.* Mary—.

Whether it was Randle's widow who married Thomas Cotley May 29, 1620, or whether she was the "Elen Jany Widdow" who was buried Jany. 13, 1644 is not now known. If Randle left a will it has been lost or destroyed, the inventory of his estate being all that is now to be found in Probate Registry. In 1601 he was one of the appraisers of his father's estate, and his name is given as Rondull Janyon. In 1607 he was churchwarden of Wilmslow Parish. His only daughter died in infancy, his three sons survived him, and all married and had families. Richard the youngest son did not marry in Wilmslow Parish, and whom he married is not known further than that her Christian name was Mary. They lived in Styall, whence they removed, after the birth of two of their children, to Ardwick, in Lancashire, which was near Manchester, and is now included in the limits of that town. They did not join the Society of Friends, but at least one of their children is mentioned in Lancashire Friends' Records<sup>14</sup>, though it is not clear that any of them were members.

If the Anne Janney who married at Manchester in 1710 John Royley of that place was their daughter she must have been born after 1672, when Richard's will was exe-

<sup>14</sup> The only Janney entries in Lancashire Friends' Registers are in those of Lancashire Qtl. Mtg., and Hardshaw East Mo. Mtg. These show that Randle Jenny, or Ardwick, Husbandman, and Rebekah Whittwham, of Manchester, Spinster, were married at Manchester 2 mo. 23, 1702; that Anne Janney, of Manchester, Spinster, and John Royley, of Manchester, Woolen weaver, were married at Manchester 6 mo. 29, 1710; that Thomas Janney, son of Randal and Rebecca, of Ardwick near Manchester, was born 7 mo. 15, 1703; that Rebekah Janney, wife of Randal, of Manchester, died 8 mo. 7, 1729, and was buried at Manchester 8 mo. 9, 1729; that Randal Janney, of Hardwick Green, was buried at Manchester 8 mo. 10, 1742, and was a Non-Member.

cuted. He was one of the executors of his brother Thomas, and died about November, 1690, as the inventory of his estate which was appraised at £88, 9s. 8d. by Samuel Worthington, Richard Worthington and Robert Hartley was dated 7th November, 1690. His will dated 1st Sept., 1672, and witnessed by Edward Hartley, Richard Prestwick and John Hall was proven 16 May, 1691 by Mary Janney the surviving executor, and is still preserved at Chester. In it he is styled "Richard Janney of Ardwick in the County of Lancaster, Yeoman," and by it he bequeathed the half of his tenement [no description given] to his wife Mary for life, and the other half to his son Thomas, and after wife's death her share to go to said son, Thomas. He left £10 to his wife, half a crown to son Thomas, half a crown to son-in-law John Boardman, and 10 shillings to each of his grandchildren [names not given]. Residue of his estate to be equally divided between his son Randle and daughter Martha. He appointed his wife and cousin, Robert Sidebotham, of Bredbury executors and Richard Prestwick and Richard Williams overseers. No seal was used and he signed by making his mark. By a memorandum, endorsed on the back of his will, he gave, after his wife's death, the little house [no description whatever given] to his son Randle and daughter Martha "whilst they keepe them unmarried."

From this will and the Wilmslow Registers it appears that Richard had at least four children, viz: Marye, *bapt.* Dec. 1, 1639, who *m.* John Boardman, (and was bequeathed 5s. by her uncle Thomas, in his will dated April 10, 1677); Martha, *bapt.* May 11, 1642, unmarried at time of father's will; Thomas [not mentioned in Wilmslow Registers prior to 1653], *m.* ———, and *d.* prior to April, 1677, leaving three children; and Randle, *m.* 2 mo. 23, 1702, at Manchester, Rebeckah Whittwham and *d.* 1742. He had a son Thomas *b.* 7 mo 15, 1703. It is possible that there was a

fifth child, Anne, *b.* after 1672, who *m.* in 1710, John Royley.

Thomas Janney, the eldest son of Randle and Ellen [Alrodd] Janney and Randle their second son are shown by the Wilmslow Registers to have married respectively Sept. 3, 1625, Elizabeth Worthington, and July 16, 1636, Anne Knevet. As Thomas and all his family became Friends, as also all of Randle's children, they and their families will be spoken of later.

Of the Alrodd, Knevet and Worthington families, into which the Janneys married, I have not made any extended search and do not remember having seen any mention of the Alrodds. Mr. Wm. Fergusson Irvine, Honorary Secretary of the Lancashire and Cheshire Record Society and Editor of the *Cheshire Sheaf* says: "The Alroddes I should imagine were originally Oldrodes or Oddrodes of Old or Oddrode in Northwich Hundred," but the pedigree of the Rode family, as given by Ormerod, does not show any such spelling.

The Knevet family appears to have been more prominent than the Alrodd one, and a window in one of the county churches contains their arms<sup>15</sup>. The following among other Knevet wills are preserved at Chester in Probate Court:

John Knivett, of Handforth, *Inv.*, 1624; Elizabeth Knevet, of Heskin, 1661; William Knevitt, of Cheadle Hulme, *Inv.*, 1666. The Will of Wyllyam Knyvett, of Thorntonbrigs, in the countie of Yorke, who is supposed to have migrated there from the South was dated 13th August 1557, and has been published in the Surtees Society Publications (Vol. XXVI, p. 97), but there is no evidence that any of these were closely related to Anne Knevet.

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<sup>15</sup> In Edmondson's and Berry's *Encyclopaedia of Heraldry* will be found mention of several Knevet Coats of Arms, most of which are Argent, a bend within a bordure engrailed sable. *Crest*, A dragon's head between two wings expanded sable.



The Worthingtons were a well known and important family of Lancashire and Cheshire<sup>16</sup>, some of whom held offices under both church and state. Both as Catholics and Friends were they persecuted on account of their religion. Mr. James Croston, in an account of the Traffords, where he is speaking of Edmund de Trafford, says<sup>17</sup> that "In 1584 the shrievalty was held by his son, who, following in the steps of the father, made a descent upon Blainscough Hall, in Standish parish, the home of Thomas Worthington, an adherent of the ancient faith; but Worthington, anticipating his visit, fled to Rossall, where he was secreted by the widow of Gabriel, the brother of Cardinal Allen, his wife's kinsman." In Besse's *Sufferings of the People called Quakers* are accounts of other Worthingtons who were persecuted, in the next century, because they were Friends, and they were probably of the same family as Elizabeth and Jane Worthington.

Many of the Publications of the Chetham Society<sup>18</sup> contain accounts of different members of the Worthington family, and Earwaker says<sup>19</sup> that John Worthington married Ellen Curbishley, dau. of "John Curbishley of Styall yeoman," and died before 1710, when she is spoken of as "Ellen Worthington of Quarrell Bank widow;" and for a short pedigree of this family with additions from Wilmslow Registers, says, see Earwaker's *Cheshire MSS*, Vol. I. The manuscripts are now in the possession of the Record Society, but I have not been able to obtain extracts from them, and cannot say whether or not this John Worthington was

<sup>16</sup> The Arms of the Worthingtons were, Argent three dung-forks sable two and one. *Crest*, A goat passant argent, in his mouth an oak-branch vert, fructed or. Another branch was, Argent three dung forks sable, on a canton ermine a dexter hand coupé gules.

<sup>17</sup> *County Families of Lancashire and Cheshire*, 1887, p. 198.

<sup>18</sup> See Vols. VIII, XIII, XVIII, XXIV, XXVI, XXVII, XXXI, XXXIII, XXXVI, XLII, XLVII, XLIX, LI, LIV, LVI, LVIII, LX, LXXXI, LXXXII, LXXXIV, LXXXV, LXXXVIII, XCIX.

<sup>19</sup> *East Cheshire*, Vol. I, p. 138.

the one mentioned in the will of Thomas Janney dated 2 mo. 10, 1677, and who was doubtless a connection of his wife Elizabeth. That he was the same is perhaps indicated by the fact that John Corbishley was one of the appraisers of the estate of Thomas Janney and may have been the representative of the widow.

There are many Worthington wills preserved at Chester<sup>20</sup>, from which it appears that the family was widely scattered throughout the Palatinate. Among other places in which they resided were Worthington, Openshaw, Gorton, Droylsden, Burscough, Upholland, Warrington, Etchells, Anderton, Failsworth, Great Hoole, Turton, Handforth, Pownall Fee, Mobberly, Wilmslow, Overhutton, Adlington, Morley, Bolyn Fee, Pemberton, etc. The Parish Registers of Stockport and Wilmslow contain entries concerning them, as doubtless do also those of many other parishes.

When George Fox, filled with religious zeal and enthusiasm, began, about the middle of the seventeenth century, to preach his views of primitive christianity and Holy Ghost religion, which were so different from those promulgated by the clergy of that day, he found ready hearers among the rural population of Midland England, who flocked from all parts of the country to hear him. Hundreds found the spiritual rest they previously had sought in vain, many to whom religion therefore had no attractions and who had been leading dissolute or immoral lives were convinced of the error of their ways, and turned away from the things of the past, and his converts were numbered by the thousands.

Many of these early Friends were soon called upon to prove the sincerity of their actions and beliefs and the reality of their trust in God, for severe trials and persecutions awaited them, and social ostracism, pecuniary loss,

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<sup>20</sup> See Lancashire and Cheshire Record Society *Publications*.

physical suffering, imprisonment and in some cases even death were patiently borne by them for truth's sake.

Of such were many of the inhabitants of Cheshire, and among others some of the families of Bancroft, Burgess, Harrison, Janney, Knevelt, Pearson, Potts and Worthington.

Joseph Besse's *Sufferings of the People called Quakers*, published in London in 1753, gives accounts of many of the persecutions which these zealous and sincere Christians underwent, and the following extracts show some of the trials and tribulations to which Thomas, William, Anne, and the younger Thomas Janney were subjected on account of their religious principles.

In 1653, "John Worthington, Thomas Janney<sup>21</sup>, Thomas Potts, Richard Burgess, Robert Milner, and Edward Alcock suffered Distress of Goods to the Value of 11£. 10s. for going but two Miles from their Habitations to a Meeting." In 1663, "for 7£ 4 s. 10d demanded of Anne Janney<sup>22</sup> of Hanford, Thomas Janney, jun., and James Harrison of the same, for Tithes, Goods were taken by Distress to the Value of 28£. 18s.," and in 1664, "John Worrall, Thomas Janney and William Burgess were detained Prisoners in this County for refusing to pay Tithes," while in 1665, we read that, "Eighteen Persons, taken in a Meeting at the House of Edward Alcock of Mobberly were by Warrants from the Deputy Lieutenants of the County committed to the House of Correction at Middlewich for two Months, where they found several others of their Friends, so that they were much incommoded for want of Room, being closely kept, and none suffered to visit them, and when William Woodcock and Mary Stretch came to the Prison to see their Brethren, themselves were imprisoned for attempting it. Nor were any admitted to bring them their

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<sup>21</sup> Vol. I, p. 100.

<sup>22</sup> *Ibid*, p. 104.

necessary Food, but as they received it through the Windows of the Prison. By means of this close Imprisonment in the Depth of Winter, Edward Knevett a man of good Reputation aged about seventy, and infirm of Body, fell sick and died there, before the two Months were expired, at the End of which Time the other seventeen were released; four of whom viz, Thomas Janney, Thomas Pott, Jeffery Burgess and Edward Alcock were soon after taken again at a Meeting and recommitted for four Months." In 1666, "James Harrison, William Janney, John Falkner, John Nixon, Thomas Pott, John Lamb, John Milner and Thomas Bretton, were committed to the common Goal at Chester, the former five of them for six Months and the others for three months, being convicted of having been at a Meeting held at the House of Thomas Janney at Pownall-Fee, upon the information of John Burges and Thomas Hease noted Informers." In 1671, "Thomas Janney<sup>23</sup> for 1£, 6s, 8d, and Thomas Pott for 20s. for Tithes claimed by Peter Ledsham Priest of Wilmslow had their Goods taken away to the Value of 3£. 10 s. each;" and in 1673, "Thomas Janney, Thomas Pott and Robert Pearson for Tithes claimed of them worth but 2£. 14s. had Goods taken from them to the Value of 10£., 19s.;" and in 1683, we find that "Of those who suffered this Year<sup>24</sup> by the Statute made against Popish Recusants for 20£. per Month were \* \* \* William Janney of Hanford 16£., 5s.," and seven others making a total of 146£ 11s. 2d.

The following entry is in the Churchwarden's accounts of Wilmslow Parish: "1654 Paid unto Mr Daine [Dean] at the Middlewich for the takeinge of 4 examinacons concerning Quakers 5s., 0 d.;" and Earwaker says,<sup>25</sup> "This is the first entry relating to the Quakers. It shows how early they

<sup>23</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 105.

<sup>24</sup> *Ibid.*, p. 110.

<sup>25</sup> *East Cheshire*, Vol. I, p. 112.

were established in this parish, where they have ever since been strongly represented."

Whether any of the Janneys in Staffordshire joined the early Friends or not I do not know, but in Lancashire and Cheshire I believe the families of Thomas and Randle Janney were the only ones who became Friends, and they appear to have been prominent in the Society.

R. Smith, in his book, *The Light Unchangeable*, printed in London in 1677, says<sup>26</sup>, "My friends in this county have, every month, a meeting, where commonly two or three or more from every particular meeting meet together about such affairs as are requisite to keep and preserve societies in peace and unity and they who commonly meet at these places are these and more, viz., Thomas Janney, John Badily, John Sharples, Thomas Brassey, John Symcock," etc.

Thomas Evans, in his preface to *An Exposition of the Faith of the Religious Society of Friends*, says<sup>27</sup> A Testimony was given forth in the year 1679 against William Rogers, of Bristol, signed by thirty-three Friends, for having "written a book in manuscript against a book of Robert Barclay's entitled the *Anarchy of the Ranters* and approved at the Second day's meeting in London, and for having dispersed his manuscript in several parts of this nation without so much as first giving either to the said Robert Barclay in particular, or the Second-day's meeting in general, an account of his scruples or dissatisfaction concerning the said book of Robert Barclay's:" and among the 33 signers were Thomas Holmes, Thomas Jany, George Keith, William Penn and Thomas Ellwood.

Mobberley, Pownall Fee, and Morley which are near Knutsford, and Cheadle which is near Stockport were all in Morley Mo. Mtg., the minutes of which begin in 1677, and which later on was called Cheshire Mo. Mtg.; and Frand-

<sup>26</sup> P. 9.

<sup>27</sup> 2nd edition, Phila., 1828, p. xxvii.

ley which is near Warrington and was originally a separate Mo. Mtg., the minutes of which begin in 1679, is now also a part of Cheshire Mo. Mtg.; while Chester, the county town, which formerly was a part of Cheshire Mo. Mtg., now belongs to the same meeting as Birkenhead and Liverpool, owing to the ease of access to the latter place by rail.

For some years after the rise of the Society of Friends, there were no Meeting-houses built, but meetings were held in the houses of members; and the records of Cheshire Mo. Mtg. show that the houses of Thomas and William Janney were frequently so used. In 1667, 1672, and 1676, and perhaps at other times, meetings for the solemnization of marriages were held at the house of Thomas Janney, at Pownall-Fee, at one of which, 9 mo. 17, 1667, Margaret Harrison of Tatton and Jonathan Yarwood of Mobberley were married.

The ancient Meeting-house at Morley, in which a Monthly Meeting was first held in 1694, and which was attended by the early Janneys, is still standing, though no meetings have been held there since 1830. In 1831 the present house was built, which is about one and a half miles nearer Wilmslow.

There never was a Meeting-house, I believe, at Mobberley, but the burial-ground there, in which the first interment was made in 1656, was bought in 1669, and continued to be used till 1848, since which time the one at Morley Meeting-house has been used.

Earwaker says<sup>28</sup> that "The Quakers obtained a settlement in Wilmslow at a very early period in their history, and are mentioned in the Churchwarden's accounts in 1654. Their old place of Worship, near Morley Green, is now converted into cottages, and a more commodious building was erected nearer to Wilmslow about twenty years since. Their first place of interment was across Lindow Common, in a se-

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<sup>28</sup> *East Cheshire*, Vol. I, p. 134.

cluded piece of ground in Mobberley parish, where some old tombstones may still be seen. This graveyard is fenced round and well cared for." I learn that it has been planted with forest trees, and the gate is kept locked; that beside the gate are the old steps which formed a horseblock, from which in days gone by the Quakeresses mounted their horses to ride on a pillion behind their broad-brimmed escorts.

From the printed account of trust property belonging to Cheshire Mo. Mtg. (1855), it appears that "Mobberley Burial Ground was in part (400 sq. yds.) purchased 20 August, 1669, for £3 from Edward Alcock and others, by "Thomas Janney, the Elder," and others, to whom it was conveyed. In 1673, "Thomas Janney, the Elder," and others, purchased an additional portion, and the whole (about 560 sq. yds.) freehold in Mobberley, co. of Cheshire, was held in trust for the Society of Friends, as a place for the burial of their dead. It was planted with trees in 1848. No interment has recently taken place. It still contains, however, several ancient gravestones which date from about 1680 downwards."

I find upon inquiry concerning the matter that among these are several of the Alcock and Potts families, also Katharine Burges, 1668, and Thomas Strettall; but that there are no tombstones bearing Janney inscriptions now standing there. Many early Friends did not use such stones, and the Janneys may have been of this number, though in most cases stones of this early date are no longer standing.

The following extracts, taken from the Minutes of Morley Mo. Mtg. show some few of the services rendered by the Janneys in the Meetings for Discipline. 3 mo. 8, 1678, Henry Janney and others appointed to speak to a Friend as to his difference with another, and other matters; 9 mo. 5, 1679, Henry Janney and another appointed to speak to a Friend "for some disorder;" 2 mo. 7, 1680, the same Friend



was admonished by "severall of the body of Friends in wimslow meeting," and amongst others by Thomas Janney, Henry Janney and William Janney. At the same meeting, Thomas Janney and others were to caution two women Friends "that they strengthen not their brothers against" another Friend; 3 mo. 5, 1680, Thomas, William and Henry Janney were to try and settle a dispute between some Friends, also William Janney and others were to minister unto a Friend "in way of supply of Cloathing & to see it done;" 6 mo. 4, 1680, the contending parties mentioned above agreed to nominate Friends to settle their dispute, amongst whom Thomas Janney was nominated; 9 mo. 3, 1680, William Janney and another appointed to admonish a Friend who absented himself from meetings; 5 mo. 26, 1681, a report as to a difference was brought in by Thomas Janney and others.

In 1837 an Act of Parliament establishing general *civil* registration was passed. Prior to that date, the only records were those of baptisms, marriages and burials kept by the incumbents of the parish and other churches; and the very complete records kept by the Society of Friends.

The Cheshire Register Books, like the rest of such books, were surrendered to the Government, and are kept at Somerset House, London. Friends made a digest of them, which is kept at the Central Offices of the Society at Devonshire Meeting-house, London, and which is easily searched. Entries therein of the Quarterly Meeting of Cheshire and Staffordshire, and of the Monthly Meeting of Cheshire show the dates and places of births, marriages and deaths of those members of the Janney family of Cheshire who became Friends; and the movements of their families are to some extent indicated by the places of their marriages and deaths, and the births of their children. Extracts therefrom have been tabulated and are given herein. The book and page numbers refer to the original books and

the pages thereof at Somerset House. There are a few evident discrepancies or errors in these entries, which I have endeavored to straighten out in a note below the table of marriage entries.

From these Friends' Records and the Wilmslow Parish Registers, as well as the wills of various members of the Janney family given herein, the chart given hereafter has been prepared which I believe correctly shows the ancestors and near paternal relatives of Thomas and the other Janneys who settled in Pennsylvania.

## BIRTHS.

Book. Page.	Name.	Date of Birth.			Place of Birth.	Names of Parents.	Parents' Abode.	Description.	Monthly Meeting.
		Year.	Month	Day.					
217-9 232-150	Janney, Jacob, . . . .	1662	3	18	Pownall fee, Cheshire, . . .	Thomas & Margery, .	Pownall fee, . . . . .	. . . . .	Cheshire
217-13 232-146	Janney, Martha, . . .	1665	5	17	Cheadle, Cheshire, . . . . .	Thomas & Margy, .	Cheadle, . . . . .	. . . . .	Cheshire
217-15 232-144	Janney, Elizabeth, . .	1666-7	11	15	Pownall fee, Cheshire, . . .	Thomas & Margery, .	Pownall fee, . . . . .	. . . . .	Cheshire
217-15 232-144	Janney, Thomas, . .	1667-8	12	5	Pownall fee, Cheshire, . . .	Thomas & Margery, .	Pownall fee, . . . . .	. . . . .	Cheshire
217-19 232-142	Janney, Abell, . . . .	1671	10	29	Mobberley, Cheshire, . . .	Thomas & Margery, .	Pownall fee, . . . . .	. . . . .	Cheshire
217-19 232-142	Janney, Joseph, . . .	1672	7	7	Hanford, Cheshire, . . . .	William & Deborah, .	Hanford, . . . . .	. . . . .	Cheshire
232-140	Janney, Anne, † . . .	1674	7	3	Hanford, Cheshire, . . . .	William & Deborah, .	. . . . .	. . . . .	Cheshire
217-21	Janney, Ann, † . . . .	1674	7	23	. . . . .	William, . . . . .	Hanford, . . . . .	. . . . .	Cheshire
232-138	Janney, Joseph <sup>o</sup> . . .	1675-6	1	26	Pownall fee, Cheshire, . . .	Thos. & Margery, . .	. . . . .	. . . . .	Cheshire
217-21	Janney, John, <sup>o</sup> . . . .	1675	1	26	. . . . .	Thomas & Margery, .	Pownall fee, . . . . .	. . . . .	Cheshire
217-23 232-138	Janney, Randle, . . .	1677	2	10	Hanford, Cheshire, . . . .	William & Deborah, .	. . . . .	. . . . .	Cheshire
217-23 232-138	Janney, Elizabeth, . .	1677	9	7	Stockport, Cheshire, . . . .	Henry & Barbara, . .	Stockport, . . . . .	. . . . .	Cheshire
217-15 232-136	Janney, Thomas, . . .	1679	3	18	Hanford, Cheshire, . . . .	William & Deborah, .	Hanford, . . . . .	. . . . .	Cheshire
217-25 232-134	Janney, Mary, . . . .	1680-1	11	1	Adswood, psh. of Cheadle, .	Henry & Barbara, .	. . . . .	. . . . .	Cheshire
217-27 232-134	Janney, Mary, . . . .	1681	6	17	Hanford, psh. of Cheadle, .	William & Deborah, .	Hanford, . . . . .	. . . . .	Cheshire
217-27 232-130	Janney, Martha, . . .	1683	8	21	Adswood, psh. of Cheadle, .	Henry & Barbara, .	Adswood, . . . . .	. . . . .	Cheshire
217-27 232-130	Janney, William, . .	1683	3	31	Hanford, Cheshire, . . . .	William & Deborah, .	Hanford, . . . . .	. . . . .	Cheshire
232-128	Jany, Thomas, . . . .	1685-6	1	1	. . . . .	Henry & Barbary, .	Eaton Norris, Lancaster,	. . . . .	Cheshire
232-128	Jany, Taby, . . . . .	1687	7	29	. . . . .	Henry, . . . . .	Eaton, Lancaster, . .	. . . . .	Cheshire

## DEATHS.

Book. Page.	Name and Surname.	Date of Death.	Age.	Residence.	Description.	Mo. Mtg. making this return.	Date of Burial.			Place of Burial.
							Year.	Month.	Day.	
235- 8	Janney, Martha,† . .	1665-6	12 4 . . .	Parents of Cheadle Holme, Cheshire.	Daug. of Thos. & Margery Jan- ney.	Cheshire, . . . .				Mobberley
218- 11	Janey, Mary,† . . .	1665	12 4 . . .	Parents of Cheadle Holme, Cheshire.	Daug. of Thos. & Margery Jan- ney.	Cheshire, . . . .	1665	12		
235- 8	Janney, Elizabeth,‡ .	1666-7	11 17 . . .	Parents of Pownall fee, Chesh- ire.	Daug. of Thos. & Margery Jan- ney.	Cheshire, . . . .				Mobberley
218- 13	Janey, Elizabeth,‡ . .	1666	11 17 . . .	Parents of Pownall fee, Chesh- ire.	Daug. of Thos. & Margery Jan- ney.	Cheshire, . . . .	1666	11		
218- 25	Janney, Margaret, . .	1673	11 11 . . .	Parents of Pownall fee, Chesh- ire.	Daug. of Thos. & Elizabeth Jan- ney.	Cheshire, . . . .	1673	11		Mobberley
235- 16										
218- 25	Janney, Randle, . . .	1674	3 17 . . .	Parents of Pownall fee, Chesh- ire.	Son of Thos. & Elizabeth, . .	Cheshire, . . . .				Mobberley
235- 17										
218- 31	Janney, Thomas, Sr. .	1677	12 17 . . .	Pownall fee, Cheshire, . . . .		Cheshire, . . . .				Mobberley
235- 20										
218- 37	Janney, Elizabeth, . .	1681-2	12 19 . . .	Pownall fee, Cheshire, . . . .	Widow, . . . . .	Cheshire, . . . .				Mobberley
235- 25										
218- 43	Janney, Martha, . . .	1684-5	12 11 . . .		Daug. of Henry & Barbara, .	Cheshire, . . . .				Mobberley
235- 29										
235- 21	Janney, Thomas, . .	1686	8 2 . . .	Parents of Eaton in Lancaster,	Son of Henry & Barbury, . . .	Cheshire, . . . .				
218- 55	Janney, Henry, . . .	1690	6 3 . . .	Eaton Norris, . . . . .		Cheshire, . . . .	1690	6	6	Mobberley
235- 33										
218- 69	Janney, Thomas, . .	1696	12 12 . . .			Cheshire, . . . .	1696	12	15	Mobberley
218- 69	Janney, Thomas, . .	1696	12 12 . . .	Pennsylvania, America, . . .	A minister on a visit to this, his native country.	Cheshire, . . . .	1696	12	15	Mobberley
235- 39										
218- 75	Janney, Ann,* . . .	1698	12 28 . . .	Eatchells, . . . . .		Cheshire, . . . .	1699	1	2	Mobberley
235- 43	Janney, Ann,* . . .	1699	12 28 . . .	Eatchells, . . . . .		Cheshire, . . . .	1700	1	2	Mobberley
218- 77	Janney, Elizabeth, . .	1701	5 11 abt. 16	Parents of Hanford, . . . .	Daug. of William & Debora, .	Cheshire, . . . .	1701	5	13	Mobberley
235- 44										
218- 76	Janney, Deborah,‡ . .	1701	5 20 abt. 54	Hanford, . . . . .	Wife of William, . . . . .	Cheshire, . . . .	1701	5	22	Mobberley
235- 44										
218- 76	Janney, Rebecca,‡ . .	1701	5 20 54	Hanford, . . . . .	Wife of William, . . . . .	Cheshire, . . . .	1701	5	22	Mobberley
218- 151	Janney, William, . .	1724	8 4 abt. 86	Morley, . . . . .		Cheshire, . . . .	1724	8	6	Mobberley
235- 64										

# MARRIAGES.

Book, Page.	Name.	Residence.	Description.	To Whom Married.		Where Married.	Date of Marriage.			Monthly Meeting.
				Name.	Residence.					
229-1	Janney, Thomas,	Pownall fee, Cheshire.	. . . . .	Margary Heath,	Horton, Staffordshire,	James Harrison's house, Pownall fee.	1660	9	24	Cheshire
229-3	Janney, Mary,	Hanford, Cheshire,	. . . . .	John Bancroft,	Etchells, Cheshire,	James Harrison's house, Pownall fee.	1663	7	6	Cheshire
229-5	Janney, Mary,	Pownall fee, Cheshire.	. . . . .	Robert Peirson,	Pownall fee, . . . . .	Ellen Hulme's house, Pownall fee.	1663-4	12	3	Cheshire
229-11	Janney, William,	Hanford, Cheadle psh., Cheshire,	Yeoman,	Deborah Webb,	Inkstreay, . . . . .	Thomas Taylor's house, Stafford.	1671	7	30	Cheshire
219-21	Janney, Henry,	Pownall fee, Cheshire.	Talor,	Barbara Baguley,	Stockport, . . . . .	Thomas Potts' house, Pownall fee.	1674-5	1	3	Cheshire
229-23	Janney, Martha,	Pownall fee, Cheshire.	. . . . .	Hugh Burgess,	Pownall fee, . . . . .	Thomas Janney's house, Pownall fee.	1672	12	12	Cheshire
229-15	Harrison, James,	Kendal, Westmoreland.	. . . . .	Anne Heath,	Horton, Staffordshire,	. . . . .	1655	5	1	Cheshire

NOTE.—The following are suggested as solutions of the discrepancies or errors in above Tables of Births and Deaths. Books 232 and 235 seem to be more accurate than 217 and 218.

- BIRTHS.—† Anne, *b.* 7-3-1674, and Ann, *b.* 7-23-1674, are both described as Dau. of William, of Hartford, and are evidently the same person.  
 ‡ Joseph, *b.* 1-26-1675-6, and John, *b.* 1-26-1675, are both described as Son of Thos. & Margery, and are probably meant for the same person, though they may possibly have been twins. As John is not mentioned elsewhere, I believe both refer to Joseph, who in his grandfather's will appears to be mentioned as Joel.
- DEATHS.—† Martha, *d.* 12-4-1665-6, and Mary, *d.* 12-4-1665, are both described as Dau. of Thos. & Margery, and are doubtless meant for the same person; and Martha is probably the correct name, as her birth is recorded in both books.  
 ‡ Elizabeth, *d.* 11-17-1666-7, and Elizabeth, *d.* 11-17-1666, one spelled Janney and the other Jancy, are evidently the same person, both being described as Dau. of Thos. & Margery.  
 \* The two entries of death of Ann, 12-28-1698 and 12-28-1699 refer evidently to same person, the date being 12-28-1698-9. Whether she was wife of Radle Janney and mother of William, or the daughter of William, I do not know, but think she was probably wife of Randle, and lived with her dau. Mary Bancroft at Etchells.  
 † Deborah, *d.* 5-20-1701, and Rebecca, *d.* 5-20-1701, are both described as wife of William, and are evidently meant for the same person, and Deborah is the correct name.—(Continued.)

III. An account of Randle and Ellen [Alrodd] Janney and their youngest son, Richard, has been given hereinbefore. Thomas, their eldest son, was born at Styall, where he continued to live, and where all his children were born. He was *bapt.* June 27, 1605, and in the church register is recorded as "Thomas Jannie sonne of Randle Jannyne of Styall." He married, Sept. 3rd, 1625, Elizabeth Worthington, when his name is spelled Janney, but it is generally spelled Janey when his children's baptisms are recorded. He and his wife joined Friends a short time after the Society came into existence; he is mentioned several times in their early annals, and their meetings were sometimes held at his house; he suffered distress of goods, was imprisoned and otherwise persecuted on account of his faith, as told in Besse's *Sufferings*. He and others purchased and presented to the Meeting the burial ground at Mobberley, and in his will left a legacy to the Poor of his town, and appears to have been possessed of some ready money, as he mentions in his will £33, due by members of his family. Whether or not he was the Thomas Janney who was Mayor of Stockport in 1639 I do not know, but probably not, as in 1637 he was living in Styall, and later was described as being of Pownall Fee. Still, as Stockport was only a few miles away, he may have lived there a part of his life; and the only Thomas Janney mentioned in the Parish Register of St. Mary's, Stockport, between 1584 and 1627, who did not die in infancy is the one who was *bapt.* in 1620, and who would probably have been too young to have been Mayor in 1639.

Thomas Janney died 12 mo. 17, 1677, and his widow, Elizabeth, 12 mo. 19, 1681-2, and both were buried in Friends' burial-ground at Mobberley. His will, of which a full abstract follows, is still preserved at Chester, in it his name is spelled Thomas Janney, the seal is in wax and has the letters T. I. impressed therein. There is an inventory amounting to £53, 19s., 10d. taken Sept. 6, 1678, by Robert

Smith, Thomas Pott and John Corbishley, appraisers, and the will was proven at Chester Sept. 10, 1678, before Henry Pigot, Surrogate, by Richard Janney.

Will of Thomas Janney, the Elder, of Pownall fee, in the county of Chester, Yeoman, bearing date the 10th day of the 2nd month called April 1677.

I leave £4, in consideration of a Heriot.

I leave to my dear Wife Elizabeth Janney all my Goods &c which are at my Daughter Mary Piersons, also one Bedstead that stands in the Parlour at my own House.

I give & bequeath unto my son Thomas Janney the Table in the House and formes belonging to it, the Salt Coffe, the Seate that standeth at the side of the House, the Boards & shelves in the House & Buttery, one Bedstead that stands in the chamber at the Chimney side, two stone grindstones & the best chair in the House.

Item. I give and bequeath to my son Henry Janney £6 of ready money, part of a Bond due to me from Hugh Burgess, my Son in Law.

Item. I give to my daur Mary Pierson & her Son either of them 40s the rem<sup>r</sup> of the bond before ment<sup>d</sup> owing by Hugh Burgess.

Item. I give & bequeath to my grandchild Jacob Janney 40s being part of the £20 my Son Thomas Janney oweth me by Bill.

Item. I give & bequeath unto my grandchildren Thos<sup>s</sup> Janney, Abel Janney & Joel Janney £4 apiece part of the Money my son Thomas oweth me.

Item. I give & bequeath unto my Daughter Mary Pierson £3 p<sup>t</sup> of the money my son Thomas oweth me.

Item. It is my will & mind that 40s be paid for my Wife's heriot if she survives me, parte of the said Money my son Thos<sup>s</sup> oweth me.

Item. It is my will & mind that within 3 months after my decease be given unto the Poor of Pownall Fee 20<sup>s</sup> to be disposed of & divided amongst the said Poore by Thomas Pott, Robert Smith & Hugh Burgess, of Pownall, to see thereto, being the rem<sup>r</sup> of the said sum of £20 my son Thos<sup>s</sup> oweth me.

Item. I give & bequeath unto my Son in Law & Daur Hugh & Martha Burgess either of them 20<sup>s</sup> out of the Sum of £5 John Worthington oweth me by Bond.

Item. I give unto my Daur Martha Burgess the Lesser Silver Spoon.

Item. I give & bequeath unto my Brother Richard Janney 20<sup>s</sup>, being part of the Money John Worthington oweth me.

Item. I give & bequeath unto my Brother Randle Janney 5<sup>s</sup> p<sup>t</sup> of the Money John Worthington oweth me.

Item. I give & bequeath unto Mary Boardman my kinswoman 5<sup>s</sup> part of the Money John Worthington oweth me.

Item. I give unto my Bro. Richard's 3 grand children being children of Thos. Janney dec<sup>d</sup> the sum of 5<sup>s</sup> each to be divided amongst them "forth" of the Money John Worthington oweth me.

Item. I give unto W<sup>m</sup> Janney of Handforth 5<sup>s</sup> part of the Money John Worthington oweth me.



Item. I give unto W<sup>m</sup> Janneys children 5<sup>s</sup> to be divided amongst them p<sup>t</sup> of the Money John Worthington oweth me.

Item. I give to Mary Bancroft of Wilmslow 5<sup>s</sup>.

With respect to the residue of the sd £5 John Worthington oweth me, I leave to my Wifes free disposal.

It. I give to my Friend Thomas Pott 2 dozen of Silver Buttons.

Item. I give 20<sup>s</sup> to be disposed of at the sight of my son Tho<sup>s</sup> Janney & Edward Alcock, purchase of the Land leading to our burial place.

Item. I leave unto Thomas Shiddell [?] 1 Silver Spooone & Ladle that was his Fathers.

Item. It is my will & mind that after my Exrs. disbursements about the management of this my Will be paide, the remainder of my Goods not heretofore bequeathed I give to my dear Son Henry Janney & my Daur Mary Pearson to be equally divided between them.

Lastly. I do nominate & app<sup>t</sup> my Brother Richard Janney of Ardwick in the coy of Lancaster & my beloved Son Henry Janney of Stockport in the coy of Chester Exrs of this my last Will.

Witnesses

THOMAS JANNEY [T. I.]

Row Alcock

ROBERT ALCOCK

Mr. Thomas Cooper, of Congleton, who sent me the above, states that parts of the will are very difficult to read; perhaps this accounts for the name of the youngest son of Thomas and Margery Janney being given as Joel instead of Joseph, though it may possibly be Joel in the original.

Thomas and Elizabeth (Worthington) Janney had the following named six children:

#### CHILDREN:<sup>29</sup>

1. Marye, *bapt.* Mch. 10, 1625-6, *d.* 7 mo. 3, 1698, *m.* 12 mo. 3, 1663-4, Robert Peirson of Pownall Fee, who *d.* 5 mo. 23, 1674. They had one son Enoch, *b.* 11 mo. 30, 1665, *d.* 1 mo. 2, 1680-1. Mary's husband was, probably, the Robert Pearson, who in 1673, had goods taken from him for Tithes, as related by Besse: his was doubtless the "Estate of Robert Pearson of Pownall Fee," which was administered upon in 1675, the Inventory of which is now preserved at

<sup>29</sup> The dates of these children's baptisms are taken from Registers of Wilmslow Parish; those of their or their children's births, marriages, deaths or burials from Friends' Records.

Chester. The Thomas and Robert Pearson<sup>30</sup> who came to Penna. in 1683 and 1682 respectively were probably related to him.

2. Margaret, *bapt.* Mch. 16, 1627, *d.* 11 mo. 11, 1673, *bur* at Mobberley.

3. Martha, *bapt.* June 6, 1630, *d.* 2 mo. 4, 1702, *m.* 12 mo. 12, 1672, Hugh Burgess of Pownall Fee, who *d.* 3 mo. 23, 1713, aged 74 years. They were both buried at Mobberley; Martha was a minister; I do not know how many children they had. It was at her house that her brother Thomas died in 1696, while on a visit to England. There are many entries in the Stockport Registers, concerning the Burgess family and some in those of the Parish of Bidston, and the Friends' Records doubtless speak of them also. The persecutions of various members of the Burgess family are recorded in Besse's *Sufferings of the Quakers*; and in his *Brief Account of Many Prosecutions of Quakers in Exchequer and Ecclesiastical and other Courts*, published

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<sup>30</sup>Thomas Peirson of Pownal fee, Mason, married at Thomas Janney's house, 2 mo. 18, 1683, Margery Smith, dau of Robert and Ellen Smith of Pownall fee, and came to America, that year, in the same ship with Thomas Janney, the "Endeavor" of London, (*Pa. Mag. Hist. and Biog.* vol. viii. p. 330). They had 8 children born in Penna., two of whom, Robert and Enoch, had the same names as Mary Janney Peirson's husband and son. Their dau. Sarah, *b.* 2 mo. 8, 1697, married John West and was mother of the noted artist, Benjamin West. As John West was not then in membership with Friends, *the marriage was not accomplished according to the good order of the Society.* Galt in his biography of Benjamin West states that he was a Friend and gives an account of the [supposed] action of the Friends' Meeting in regard to permitting him to study painting. Both Smith and Cope, after careful investigation, find these statements to be without foundation, and that though, perhaps, John West as a young man, probably, had been a Friend, yet when he came to America he was not one, and did not join the Society until 1759, (*Hist. Delaware Co., Pa.*, p. 512; *Hist. Chester Co., Pa.*, p. 761; see also *The American Friend*, vol. vi, p. 1218). Dr. Smith erroneously states (p. 491) that Thomas and Margery came with William Penn on his first voyage to America, and attributes to him some of the actions of the — Pearson from Chester, who came in the "Welcome" with Penn in 1682, and whose Christian name is supposed to have been Robert (*Hist. Chester Co., Pa.*, p. 21), and at whose suggestion the name of "Upland" was changed to "Chester"; and who is said to have been appointed by Penn as a member of his council in 1682, (*Janney's Life of Penn*, 1852, pp. 196, 203), and to have walked on his left side when he went to meet the Indians at Shackamaxon to make the Great Treaty, (*Clarkson's Life of Penn*, 1827, vol. i, p. 130). If as has been stated (*Janney's Life of Penn*, p. 202), Benjamin West introduced a portrait of his grandfather into his celebrated painting of the treaty scene, he also was historically inaccurate, as his grandfather was not in America in 1682.

in London, 1736, Joseph Besse says that in Cheshire in 1732, "Hugh Burgis of Wimslow was prosecuted in Ecclesiastical Court at the suit of Thomas Bolton, Tithe Farmer. Burgis was also prosecuted for Tithes of Calves, Lambs, Geese, Bees, &c., but after much trouble and Expense was relieved by a Prohibition out of the King's Bench." This possibly refers to a son of Martha Janney. There are at Chester the wills of Hugh Burgess, of Hollinlane in Styall, yeoman, 1713; and of Hugh Burgess, of Pownall Fee, yeoman, 1735; the former is probably that of Martha's husband, the latter perhaps that of some near relative. In an article on Pownall Fee in *Cheshire Notes and Queries* (vol. i, p. 22) it is said that Hugh Burgess was Collector of Land Tax in 1723, and Daniel Burgess and Peter Burgess were Constables in 1725. There are in Bucks County, Penna., some persons of this name, but I do not know that they came from Cheshire. The Janneys and Burgesses were associated together from early times for we read in an account of Wilmslow Parish, that Thomas Hogh, Robt Janny, yomen and Hugh Burges and Laurence Burges, husbandmen [and others] gave testimony "the first day of April, the yere of the reigne of kynge Henry the vijth the vijth [1492]" that the lands of the Leghs held in Fulshaw were held of the Knights of St. John of Jerusalem. (Earwaker's, *East Cheshire*, Vol. I, p. 157).

4. Randle, *bapt.* Dec. 16, 1632, *d.* 3 mo. 17, 1674, *bur.* at Mobberley.

5. Thomas, *bapt.* Jany. 11, 1634, *d.* 12 mo. 12, 1696, *bur.* at Mobberley, *m.* at James Harrison's house Pownall Fee, 9 mo. 24, 1660, Margary Heath of Horton, Staffordshire. He was a prominent member and minister of the Society of Friends, and is mentioned in numerous publications. "He was convinced of the truth as held by Friends, (at the first preaching thereof in Cheshire), about the year 1654, he being in the twenty-first year of his age." "The next year he received a gift in the ministry, \* \* \* \*; and travelled into many parts of England, and also in Ireland, and had a fervent and sound testimony for truth." (*The Friend*, Vol. XXVII, p. 340; *Piety Promoted*, 1789, Vol. I, p. 228; *Penna. Mag. Hist. and Biog.*, Vol. XXVII, p. 212). In 1663 and at other times he suffered distress of goods for tithes (Besse's *Sufferings*, Vol I, pp. 104, 105); in 1669 he visited Ireland, "and many in divers parts of the Nation were convinced of the Truth and joined with Friends." (Rutty's *Hist. of Friends in Ireland*, 1st ed. p. 132). In 1677, he wrote the preface to a book of Alexander Laurence's entitled *An Answer to a Book Published by Richard Smith*, etc., (Jos. Smith's *Catalogue of Friends Books*). In 1679 he and 32 others signed a testimony against William Rogers, of Bristol, for having written against a book of Robert Barclay's (*Evans Exposition* p. xxvii). He is mentioned as having served on various Committees of Morley Mo. Mtg., and was well known to George Fox and William Penn.

In Friends' Records the residence of Thomas and Margery Janney is described as Pownall Fee, except at the times of birth and death of their dau. Martha, when it is stated to have been Cheadle, and therefore, we may infer that for a year or two they lived there and then moved back to his old home which was at Styall, in Pownall Fee township. A letter to him from Phineas Pemberton dated 5 mo. 3, 1682, requesting him to come to the funeral of the latter's dau. Ann, is addressed, "Thomas Janney, Shadow Moss, Cheshire." This

was near the village of Styall, in the district of the same name. (Oliver Hough's address on Thomas Janney in *Doylestown Democrat*, July 29, 1897). He appears to have purchased 6 mo. 12, 1682, a tract of 250 acres of land in Penna., and his father having died 12 mo. 1677, his mother 12 mo. 1681-2, and James Harrison and William Yardley his wife's brothers-in-law, having removed to Penna., where Harrison acted as Penn's agent, Thomas and Margery Janney and their four sons, and two servants left Cheshire in 1683, and arrived in the Delaware River 7 mo. (Sept.) 29, 1683, (*Pa. Mag. Hist. and Biog.* Vols. VIII, p. 330, IX, p. 226), and settled in Bucks County, where he became a prominent man, and later a Provincial Councillor, 1683-86, (*Pa. Archives* 2d ser. Vol IX, p. 624). All of his sons married in America and had children. Thomas and Margery had the following named six children, viz: (i) Jacob, b. Pownall Fee, 3 mo. 18, 1662, bur. Penna. 8 mo. 6, 1708, m. Falls Mtg., 10 mo. 26, 1705, Mary Hough, dau. John and Hannah; (ii) Martha, b. Cheadle, 5 mo. 17, 1665, d. Cheadle Holme 12 mo. 4, 1665-6; (iii) Elizabeth, b. Pownall Fee, 11 mo. 15, 1666-7, d. there 11 mo. 17, 1666-7; (iv) Thomas, b. Pownall Fee 12 mo. 5, 1667-8, m. Penna. 9 mo. 1697 (authorized by Falls Mo. Mtg. 9 mo. 3, 1697), Rachel Pownall, dau. George and Eleanor; (v) Abel, b. Mobberley, 10 mo. 29, 1671, m. N. J. 1 mo. 1700 (authorized by Chesterfield Mo. Mtg. 1 mo. 7, 1700), Elizabeth Stacy, dau., Mahlon and Rebecca (For pedigree of Mahlon Stacy see Hunter's *Hallamshire*, p. 488); (vi) Joseph, b. Pownall Fee, 1 mo. 26, 1675-6, d. Penna. 1728, or 1729, m. Falls Mtg., 6 mo. 18, 1703, Rebeckah Biles, dau. William and Joanna. (For account of Wm. Biles, see *Pa. Mag. His. and Biog.* Vol. XXVI, pp. 58, 192, 348).

In 3d. mo., 1695, he and Griffith Owen went to England on a religious visit, he traveled through England and Wales and was taken quite ill, in Spring of 1696 he reached London, but the air did not agree with him, and he started for Cheshire, which place he reached after having been very ill at Hitchin in Hertfordshire, for a considerable time. In 11 mo. 1696, he made his arrangements to return to America in the Spring of 1697, but before his ship sailed his distemper returned, and after having been in England about eighteen months he died at his sister's house, 12 mo. (Feby.) 12, 1696-7, in much quietness of mind, and was buried the 15th at Mobberley. (For extended accounts of him see *The Friend*, Vols. XIX, p. 38, XXVII, pp. 340, 348, 356; Janney's *History of Friends*, Vols. II, III; *Doylestown Democrat* July 29, 1897; *Penna. Mag. Hist. and Biog.*, Vol. XXVII, pp. 212-237). The marriage record of Thomas Janney and Margery Heath does not state who her parents were, and I do not know anything about them, except that three of their daughters married Friends, who removed to Penna. and were prominent there in religious and civil matters.<sup>30a</sup> James

30a. Bennett Blakeway, Vicar of Horton, informs me that the earliest Register of that Parish in his possession begins in 1653, and that he is not aware of any previous records being in existence, and thinks there are none. In this Register are various entries concerning the Heath family, including the burial of Anne Heath in January, 1660; the baptism of Ann Heath 2 April, 1667; and the burial of Margaret Heath 24 September, 1679. These were probably members of the same family as Thomas Janney's wife.

Enbert C. Hodson, Registrar of the Diocesan Registry, Litchfield, states that the earliest Horton Transcript deposited there is dated 1673,

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 Harrison m. Anne Heath, 5 mo. 1, 1655, in Cheshire, and William Yeardley m. Jane Heath, — mo. 30, 1653, in Staffordshire. Horton is in the Parish of Leek, in Staffordshire, about 25 miles from Styal, and in the same Quarterly Meeting. The Cheshire and Staffordshire Heaths were probably of the same family, but in Staffordshire the family appears to have been more numerous and widely scattered. Besse states that in Staffordshire in 1669 and 1682 William Heath and Jane Heath were respectively arrested and fined for attending a Friends Meeting and Funeral, (*Sufferings*, Vol. I, pp. 652, 654). They were probably related to Margery as was also Andrew Heath, who accompanied Wm. Yardley to Penna. in 1682. Robert and Richard Heath were early settlers in Penna., but I do not know that they were her relatives. It is shown in the "Calendar of Wills and Administrations in the Consistory Court of the Bishop of Lichfield and Coventry," 1516-1652, that during those years about 100 Heath Wills were probated at Lichfield, but as after 1561, the residences of testators are not given, it is impossible to tell, from the list, which ones lived near Horton. In the *Collections for a History of Staffordshire* (Vols. VII, X, XI, XIII, XV, XVI, XVII) published by Wm. Salt Archaeological Society, are numerous items in regard to the Heaths, dating from very early times, and John Sleigh in *A History of the Ancient Parish of Leek in Staffordshire*, speaks of the Heaths of Horton as early as 1484. Horton was also the home of the Moorland Poet, George Heath, who was born at Gratton, March 9, 1844, but I do not know that he was a descendant of Margery Heath's immediate family.

6. Henry, bapt. Jany. 1, 1637, d. Eaton Norris, 6 mo. 3, 1690, bur. at Mobberley, m. at Thomas Pott's house, Pownall Fee, 1 mo. 3, 1674-5, Barbara Baguley of Stockport. In 1570, a William Baguley was Mayor of Stockport, and in the Register of St. Mary's Parish, Stockport, from 1585 and after, there are numerous entries of the Baguley family, and it is stated that George Bagully was Church warden Jany., 1616-17, when the Steeple was built and the church repaired. There are also numerous Baguley Wills preserved at Chester.

In the record of his marriage Henry Janney is described as a Tailor, and in his widow's renunciation of Administration upon his estate, she styles him Chapman. He seems to have moved several times; when married in 1674, he is said to be of Pownall Fee; in 1677, he lived at Stockport; in 1680 and 1683, he was living at Adswood; and in 1685 he had removed to Eaton Norres<sup>21</sup>, in Lancaster, where he died 6 mo. 3, 1690, and was buried at Mobberley on the 6th. When his widow died is not shown in Friends' Records, but probably before 1698. He was appointed on several committees by the Mo. Mtg. and was one of the Executors of his father's will. After his death his three surviving daughters removed to Penna. where they married. Among the Wills and Administrations preserved at Chester is the following Petition, the seal upon which is of

<sup>21</sup> The proper spelling is probably Heaton Norris, though in early records the form in text is usual.

black wax into which are impressed the letters "H. I.," Henry Janney's seal having probably been used by his widow.

"To all xtian people to whom these presents shall or may appertaine or belong BARBARA JANNEY, Widow Relict of HENRY JANNEY, late of Heaton Norris, in the Countye of Lancaster, Chapman, deceased, sends greeting in our Lord God everlasting. Whereas the said Henry Janney my late husband is lately deceased intestate at Heaton Norres not havein<sup>g</sup> made in his life time any Will or disposeall of his goods or personall estate whereby the administraction of the said deced<sup>t</sup>s goods & p<sup>r</sup>sonall estate ought of right as is conceived to bee committed to me these are therefore to certify all whom it may concerne that I am willing & consent and doe make it my humble request that administraction of the goods rights creditts and other the personall estate of the said Henry Janney my sayd late husband may be granted unto my trusty freind Randle Janney of Ardwicke in the said Countye of Lancaster in trust for the benefit of me the said Barbara. In Witness whereof I have hereunto sette my hand & seale the twelfth day of September Ano RR<sup>s</sup> et Rne Willi et Marie Anglie &c scd<sup>o</sup> Anoq Dni 1690 BARBARA JANNEY [H. I.]

Sealed and delivered in the p<sup>r</sup>sence of

JOHN BOREDMON

JOHN HALLE

The Inventory of his personal estate made by Richard Yearwood, Ralph Brock, William Janney, Randle Janney and Thomas Benison, amounted to £576, 13s., or *d.* and showed that he was engaged in the button trade and also owned considerable "cattell, corne and hay." He had five children, viz: (i) Elizabeth, *b.* Stockport 9 mo. 7, 1677, *d.* Phila., 3 mo. 10, 1728, *m.* there 2 mo. 16, 1710, Pentecost Teague<sup>22</sup> son of William, of Marazion, Cornwall, *d.* Phila., 1719. They had no children. The Wills of both of them are recorded in Phila., where he was a prominent merchant and office holder. She took a certificate from Morley Mo. Mtg., dated 2 mo. 6, 1698, which is preserved among records of Phila. Mo. Mtg. An account of her will be found in *The Friend*, (Vol. XXIX, p. 252). (ii) Mary, *b.* Adswood, 11 mo. 1, 1680-81, said to have *d.* Mch. 17, 1764, and to have *m.* Phila. 7 mo 9, 1708 (authorized by Phila. Mo. Mtg., 6 mo. 27, 1708), Joseph Drinker, who *d.* Aug. 17, 1742. She probably settled in Bucks Co. upon arrival in America; and in 1704 requested a certificate from Falls Mo. Mtg. The Drinker genealogy states she was *b.* at Quarry Bank, near Stockport. They had at least four children as shown in Joseph's will. For an account of her descendants see *The Drinker Family in America*, by Henry Drinker Biddle, Phila., 1893.

(iii) Martha, *b.* Adswood, 8 mo. 21, 1683, *d.* 12 mo. 11, 1684-85. (iv) Thomas, *b.* Eaton Norres, 1 mo. 1, 1685-6, *d.* there 8 mo. 2, 1686. (v) Taby or Tabitha, *b.* Eaton Norres, 7 mo. 29, 1687, *m.* Phila., 1709, (authorized by Phila. Mo. Mtg. 2 mo. 29, 1709.) William Fisher, who *d.* 6 mo., 1734. His will mentions two sons, William and Thomas, the former of whom was Mayor of Phila. in 1773.

<sup>22</sup>A certificate was received 5 mo. 27, 1694 by Phila. Mo. Mtg. for Pentecost Teague and wife, "he being Capable of ye trade or Occupation of ffishery," from Mo. Mtg. at Marazion in Cornwall, England, dated 1 mo. 5, 1693-4. Jane Teague, wife of Pentecost, *d.* 9 mo. 21, 1708.

IV. Randle Janney, the second son of Randle and Ellen (Alrodd) Janney, was *bapt.* May 26, 1608, married Anne Knevet July 16, 1636, and lived at Handforth. It does not appear that he joined Friends; whether his wife was the Anne who in 1663 suffered distress of goods for tithes I do not know. If she was, it is probably her death that is recorded in Friends' Records as having taken place 12 mo. 28, 1698-9, when she is said to have lived at Etchells, probably with her daughter, Mary Bancroft, and her husband had probably predeceased her. When Randle died does not appear, no will being now, if ever, in existence. The will of Ann Janney, of Ashton under Lyne, was proven in 1676, but there is no external evidence to lead to the supposition that it was the will of Randle's wife. Nothing more is known of Randle and Anne than that they had at least two children, both of whom became Friends. They were as follows:

#### CHILDREN:<sup>33</sup>

1. Mary *bapt.* Jany. 6, 1639, *d.* 1 mo. 5, 1706-7, *bur.* Stockport, *m.* at James Harrison's house, Pownall Fee, 7 mo. 6, 1663, John Bancroft, of Etchells, *d.* 12 mo. 25, 1699, *bur.* Mobberley. He was at time of his death aged about 66, and had been a minister forty years. What relation, if any, he was to Henry Bancroft, Mayor of Stockport in 1669, does not appear. Mary and John had the following seven children, viz: (i) Jacob, *b.* 7 mo. 13, 1664; (ii) David, *b.* 10 mo. 9, 1666, *bur.* 12 mo. 3, 1687; (iii) Dinah, *b.* 12 mo. 8, 1668; (iv) Joseph, *b.* 6 mo. 4, 1671, *d.* 1 mo. 26, 1675; (v) Mary, *b.* 5 mo. 13, 1673; (vi) Sarah, *b.* 3 mo. 25, 1677, *d.* 2 mo. 3, 1681; (vii) John, *b.* 3 mo. 1, 1682. One of their descendants informs me that their daughter "Mary Bancroft, *b.* 5 mo. 13, 1673, married Samuel Heald, 2 mo. 16, 1691, and came to America and settled in Pennsylvania. They were ancestors of all the Heald family in that State. Another child, Jacob Bancroft, *b.* 7 mo. 13, 1664, was the ancestor of Joseph Bancroft, who, in 1824, moved from Manchester, England, to Wilmington, Del., where he married Sarah Poole, a descendant of Abel Janney, the son of Thomas and Margery."

The "Index to the Wills and Inventories now preserved in Court of Probate at Chester," mentions the following, "John Bancroft of Cheadle, Carpenter, Admon. with Inv. 1696. Mary Bancroft, minor of Heaton Norris, Tuition 1700." If John Bancroft, who died in

<sup>33</sup> Dates of baptisms are taken from Registers of Wilmslow Parish; dates of births, deaths, marriages and burials from Friends' Records.



1699, made a will, it is not preserved, but the tuition account may, possibly, have been filed by his widow, though their daughter, Mary was not a minor at that time. The Stockport Registers contain entries in regard to many Bancrofts, among them is one stating that Meh. 8, 1610, was bapt. "Robert sonnie of William Bancroft of Echills." Earwaker states that among the "freeholders in Cheadle Parish in 1671" were William Bancroft, gen., Robt. Bancroft, gen., James Harrison, gen., and Robt. Sidebottom, gen. (*East Cheshire*, Vol. I, p. 184).

2. William, bapt. Dec. 8, 1641, d. 8 mo. 4, 1724, bur. Mobberley, m. at Thomas Taylor's house, Stafford, 7 mo. 30, 1671, Deborah Webb, of Inkstrey, Staffordshire, who d. 5 mo. 20, 1701, aged abt. 54, bur. at Mobberley. He is described in his marriage record as yeoman, he then lived at Handforth, but after his wife's death appears to have removed to Morley, where he died, aged about 86, according to Friends' Records, which would place his birth about 1639, at least two years prior to his baptism. Neither he nor his wife appear to have made wills, or at least none are now preserved. Oliver Hough in his article on Thomas Janney, (*Doylestown Democrat*, July 29, 1897), supposes that William was the son of Randle's brother Thomas, but he had not seen the will of Thomas Janney nor the Wilmslow Registers, which make it evident that he was the son of Randle, as I have stated. He was a prominent member of the Society of Friends, at whose house meetings were frequently held; was appointed by the Monthly Meeting to perform sundry services; he suffered persecution and was sent to gaol for conscience sake, as related by Besse. His son Randle, whose name in America appears as Randall, speaks of him in his will as "my dear and tender Father." He had seven children, all of whom were born at Handforth. I have seen no further mention of Joseph, Anne, and William, and as they are not mentioned in the will of their brother Randle, they probably died before 1715. William's children were as follows: (i) Joseph, b. 7 mo. 7, 1672; (ii) Anne, b. 7 mo. 3, 1674; (iii) Randle, b. 2 mo. 10, 1677, d. Phila. 10 mo. 7, 1715, m. there 9 mo., 1701, (authorized by Phila. Mo. Mtg., 8 mo. 31, 1701), Frances Righton who d. 4 mo. 17, 1714; they had one son, William, b. 1 mo. 27, 1704, d. 3 mo. 25, 1704. In 1699 Randle obtained of Morley Mo. Mtg. a certificate of removal, which is now preserved in records of Phila. Mo. Mtg. Soon after coming to America he settled in Philadelphia and became a wealthy merchant; in 1702 and 1706 he visited England, and 7 mo. 30, 1715, asked for a certificate of removal to Bermudas, but died before going there. He is mentioned several times in the correspondence between Penn and Logan, and was a large land owner in Pennsylvania, some of his lands being in the territory in dispute between Penn and Lord Baltimore, and which was finally decided to be in Cecil Co., Md. His will dated 1st December, 1715, was proven 8th of same month, (Phila. Wills, *Liber D*, fol. 39), in it he mentions his father; his brother, Thomas; and his sister, Mary Pawley, wife of George Pawley, and her children, Debora, Mary, Sarah and Thomas; and various of his wife's relatives. His wife was a dau. of William and Sarah Righton, and her father's will was probated in Philadelphia, Oct. 24, 1710. The Righton family was one of considerable wealth and social prominence in early Philadelphia, and was

connected by marriage with many of the leading families of the Province, and appears to have come to Philadelphia from Barbadoes, where William Righton was a man of position and influence, and a Member of Assembly, 1673, (*Calendar of State Papers—America and West Indies*).

(iv) Thomas, b. 3 mo. 18, 1679, d., Cecil Co., Md., about 1750, m. Magdalen —, who survived him. Thomas removed to America prior to 1702, in which year his brother, Randle, obtained for him a certificate from Morley Mo. Mtg., which is to be found among the records of Phila. Mo. Mtg. In 1706, he visited England, with his brother, after which the records of Phila. Mo. Mtg. do not mention him. In 1719 his name appears among the taxables of West Nottingham, Chester Co., Pa., and after the establishment of Nottingham Mo. Mtg. in 1730, he is shown to have been on various occasions appointed on Committees. Both he and his wife signed various Friends' marriage certificates as witnesses, but no record of her maiden name has been seen, and the date and place of their marriage is unknown. He lived in Cecil Co., Md., and four of his children are mentioned in the records of Nottingham Mo. Mtg. His will was dated 4 mo. 7, 1750, and proven Mch. 22, 1750-51, (Cecil Co., Wills Liber BB No. 2, fol. 99). In it he mentions his wife, Magdalen, his son-in-law, Robert Lashly, and the following five children: Jemima Janney; Deborah Lashly; William, Thomas and Isaac Janney. If he had had other children, they probably predeceased him. Deborah Janney married about 1740 Robert Leslie, and was an ancestress of Charles Robert Leslie, R. A., (See *Publications So. Hist. Asso.*, Vol. V, p. 496), and her brothers all married and were the progenitors of the Janney family of Cecil Co., Md.; Johnston's *History of Cecil Co., Md.*, (p. 148 n) erroneously tracing them from Thomas Janney's brother Randall.

(v) Mary, b. 6 mo. 17, 1681, d. Phila. Pa., 2 mo. 7, 1718, m. George Pawley, bur. Phila. Pa., 10 mo. 1, 1721, and had, at least, four children, who are mentioned in the will of her brother, Randall, and two of whom are known to have married, viz: Deborah Pawlee m. First Presby. Church, Phila., 9 mo. 21, 1727, Samuel Sidden, (*Pa. Arch.* 2d ser., Vol. IX, p. 54); and Sarah Pawley m. 7 mo. 24, 1734. Phila. Mo. Mtg., William Atkinson, Jr., of Phila., whose will was proven 1794. Mr. Oliver Hough has in preparation for *Penna. Mag. Hist. and Biog.*, an account of this Atkinson family.

(vi) William, b. 3 mo. 31, 1683, probably d. prior to 1715.

(vii) Elizabeth, d. 5 mo. 11, 1701, aged about 16, bur. at Mobberley.

As hereinbefore stated, several of the Quaker Janneys of Cheshire removed to America and settled in Pennsylvania. Here they and their children became prominent among the early colonists in both religious and civil affairs. In later days their descendants became very numerous, and resided principally in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia and Ohio, and some of them became quite noted, among whom might

be mentioned Thomas Janney, lieutenant in Continental Line, 3rd Pa. Battalion, captured by British in 1776; Phineas Janney, the wine merchant of Alexandria and friend of Henry Clay; his nephew, Samuel M. Janney, the Quaker preacher and historian; John Janney<sup>84</sup>, who as president of the Virginia Convention, used his best endeavors to prevent his State from seceding from the Union, and as a delegate to the Whig Convention at Harrisburg advocated the nomination of Henry Clay for the Presidency; Charles Robert Leslie, R. A., the noted author and artist, and his talented sisters; Johns Hopkins, the founder of the University and Hospital bearing his name in Baltimore; Israel Gregg, captain of Fulton's first boat, the "Clermont," on the Ohio river; Emerson Hough, author and magazine writer; and Bellamy Storer, formerly Minister to Belgium, afterwards Minister to Spain, and now Ambassador to Austria-Hungary. Among those who married Janney descendants may be mentioned Joel Parker, War Governor of New Jersey, 1863-1866, who furnished Gov. Curtin several organized volunteer regiments that were used for the protection of Pennsylvania during Lee's invasion of that State in 1863;<sup>85</sup> and Howard Pyle, artist and magazine writer.

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<sup>84</sup>To a lady who had tired her hearers by a lengthy discourse upon the antiquity and importance of her family, and showed no sign of changing the subject, Mr. John Janney is reported to have humorously said that her family could not compare with his in these respects, for the Janneys dated back to about 1500 B. C., and were of sufficient importance to be mentioned in the Bible, St. Paul stating that the Jannes and Jambres withstood Moses! [2 Timothy iii. 8].

<sup>85</sup>See *The Drinker Family in America*, p. 27; Appleton's *Cyclopaedia of American Biography*, Vol. IV, p. 652; Lamb's *Biographical Dictionary of the United States*, Vol. VI, p. 136.

# THE JANNEY FAMILY OF STYALL, CHESHIRE.

Randle Janney, the first generation shown in this chart, doubtless had other children than Thomas; perhaps Katherine, William & Richard; and probably Margery, who m. Thos. Gooden, 1578 and William, who m. Margaret —

Randle Janney.  
His Will not to be found, but is mentioned in the Will of his Son Thomas, 1601, was alive after birth of gd. dau. Anne, bapt. 1595.

Jane Worthington,  
m. Dec. 7, 1578,  
bur. Aug. 10, 1589.

Thomas Janney, of Styall,  
bur. Mch. 5, 1602.  
Will 23 Sept., 1601.  
He may have had a wife Ellen,  
who d. Feb. 7, 1578,  
having had a dau. Alyce,  
bapt. Nov. 7, 1570.

Katherine Cash,  
m. Nov. 4, 1590,  
survived her husband.

Randelle Janney, of Widforde, m. Alice Wilkeson 26 Nov. 1566, at Prestbury, she was bur. 5 Jan., 1598, and he bur. 7 Oct., 1593, both at Prestbury. Randle Janney, of Styall, was bur. 13 Jan., 1595, at Wilmslow. Randle Janney, of Styall, and of Handforth, had at least three children, Katherine, William and Rychard, born 1586 and 1588, whether any of the above Randles was father or brother of Thomas is uncertain

Randle Janney,  
of Styall, bapt.  
Feb. 23, 1579-80,  
m. July 14, 1602,  
bur. Oct. 30, 1613  
Inventory recorded.

Ellen Alrodd,  
who afterwards  
probably m.  
Thos. Cottley,  
May 29, 1620,  
or remained a widow  
and was bur. Jan. 13, 1644.

Margery Janney,  
bapt. Mch. 31,  
1582,  
[may have been  
bur. Mch. 23, 1591].

Henerie Janney,  
bapt. Mch. 7,  
1584.  
Occupied  
Collshawe  
House 1601.

Maude Janney,  
bapt. April 25, 1587,  
m. May 1, 1605,  
Wm. Sidebotham,  
and probably had a  
son Robert of Bred-  
bury, alive 1672.

Thomas  
Janney,  
bapt. Jan.  
15, 1591,  
bur. Feb. 6,  
1591.

Margaret  
Janney,  
bapt. July  
4, 1593,  
[may have m.  
July 16, 1610,  
Thomas Hunte].

Anne  
Janney,  
bapt. Apr.  
27, 1595.

Thomas  
Janney,  
bapt. June  
29, 1597.

Margery  
Janney,  
bapt. Sept.  
24, 1599.

William  
Janney,  
bapt. Dec. 7, 1601,  
bur. Mch. 7, 1602.

Thomas Janney, of Styall,  
bapt. June 27, 1605,  
m. Sept. 3, 1625,  
d. 12-17-1677,  
bur. Mobberley,  
Will 2-10-1677.

Elizabeth Worthington,  
d. 12-10-1681-2,  
bur. Mobberley.

Randle Janney, of Styall,  
bapt. May 26, 1608,  
m. July 16, 1636.

Anne  
Kneveit,  
d. ? 12-28-1698-9,  
bur. ? 1-2-1699-1700,  
Mobberley.

Helene  
Janney,  
bapt. Mch.  
24, 1610,  
bur. Mch.  
3-1611.

Richard  
Janney,  
of Ardwick,  
Lancashire,  
bapt. Feb. 20,  
1613, d. 1690,  
Will 1 Sept., 1672,  
Proved 16 May, 1691.

Mary —  
survived  
her husband

Marye  
Janney,  
bapt. Mch. 19,  
1625-6, m.  
12-3-1663-4,  
d. 7-3-1698.

Robert  
Peirson,  
of Pownall  
Fee,  
d. 5-23-  
1674.

Margaret  
Janney,  
bapt. Mch.  
16, 1627, d.  
11-11-1673.

Martha  
Janney,  
bapt. June  
6, 1630, m.  
12-12-1672,  
d. 2-4-1702,  
bur. Mobberley

Hugh  
Burgess,  
of Pownall  
Fee  
d. 3-23-1713,  
aged 74,  
bur. Mobberley

Randle  
Janney,  
bapt. Dec.  
16, 1632, d.  
3-17-1674.

Th  
Janney,  
bapt. Jan.  
11-1634, m.  
9-24-1660,  
d. 12-12-1696,  
removed to  
America.

Margery  
Heath,  
of Horton,  
Stafford-  
shire.

Henry  
Janney,  
bapt. Jan.  
1, 1637, m.  
1-3-1674-5,  
d. 6-3-1690,  
bur. Mobberley

Barbara  
Baguley,  
of Stock-  
port.

Mary  
Janney,  
bapt. Jan.  
6, 1639,  
m. 7-6-1663,  
d. 1-5-1706-7,  
bur. Stockport.

John  
Bancroft,  
of Richey,  
d. 12-25-  
1699 aged 66,  
bur. Mobberley

William  
Janney,  
bapt. Dec.  
8-1641,  
m. 7-30-1671,  
d. 8-4-1724,  
aged abt. 86,  
bur. Mobberley

Deborah  
Webb,  
of Inkstrey,  
Staffordshire,  
d. 5-20-1701,  
aged abt. 54,  
bur. Mobberley

Marye  
Janney,  
bapt. Dec.  
1-1639,  
m. —.

John  
Board-  
man.

Martha  
Janney,  
bapt. May  
11-1642.

Thomas  
Janney,  
d. prior to  
April, 1677,  
leaving 3  
children.

Randle  
Janney,  
m. 2-23-1702  
bur. 8-10-1742

Rebekah  
Whittwham,  
d. 8-7-1729,  
bur. 8-9-1729.

Anne (?)  
m. 6-29-1710,  
at Manchester,  
John Royley. (?)

Thomas  
Janney,  
d. 7-15-1703.

Jacob  
Janney  
d. 3-18-1662,  
removed to  
Bucks Co., Pa.

Mary  
Hough,  
dau. John  
& Hannah.

Martha  
Janney,  
b. 5-17-1665,  
d. 12-4-1665-6,  
bur. Mobberley

Elizabeth  
Janney,  
b. 11-15-1666-7,  
d. 11-17-1666-7,  
bur. Mobberley

Thomas  
Janney,  
b. 12-5-1667-8,  
removed to  
Bucks Co., Pa.

Rachel  
Pownall.  
dau. Geo.  
& Eleanor.

Abel  
Janney,  
b. 10-2-  
1671,  
removed to  
Bucks Co., Pa.

Eliz  
Stacy,  
dau. Mahlon  
& Rebecca  
(Rly) Stacy,  
of N. J.

Joseph  
Janney,  
b. 7-7-1672,  
removed to  
Bucks Co., Pa.

Rebeckah  
Biles,  
dau. Wm.  
& Johanna.

Elizabeth  
Janney,  
b. 9-7-1677,  
removed to  
Phila., 1698,  
m. 1710.  
Pentecost Teague

Mary  
Janney,  
b. 11-1-1680-1,  
removed to  
Phila., Pa.,  
m. 1708,  
Jos. Drinker.

Martha  
Janney,  
b. 8-21-1683,  
d. 12-11-  
1684-5.

Thomas  
Janney,  
b. 1-1-1685-6,  
d. 8-2-  
1686.

Tabitha  
Janney,  
b. 7-20-1687,  
removed to  
Phila., Pa.,  
m. 1709,  
Wm. Fisher.

Joseph  
Janney,  
b. 7-7-1672.

Anne  
Janney,  
b. 7-23-1674,  
death or  
marriage  
uncertain.

Randle  
Janney,  
b. 2-10-1677,  
removed to  
Phila., Pa.,  
m. 1701  
Frances Righton.

Thomas  
Janney,  
b. 3-18-1679,  
removed to  
Phila., Pa.,  
and Cecil  
Co., Md.  
m. Magdalen

Mary  
Janney,  
b. 6-17-  
1681,  
removed to  
Phila., m.  
Geo. Pawley.

William  
Janney,  
b. 3-31,  
1683.

Elizabeth  
Janney,  
d. 5-11-1701,  
aged abt. 16.